SUBJECT No. 98.

Free supply of seeds for plantations.

Mr. Subba Reddi, Kolar District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—Seed may be freely distributed among the raiyats for improving their forest plantations, as many people are in urgent need of the same.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be favourably considered.

SUBJECT No. 99.

Sale of minor forest produce.

Messrs. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk, Venkatappa, Venkataramane Gowda and Siddaiya, Kankanhalli taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The sale of minor forest produce, such as, amarai, soap-nut, mango, etc., may be conducted villagewar by the Revenue Department, as formerly.

*Mr. Herur Gundappa* said that the chief complaint was against the contractors who gave much trouble to the villagers by not allowing the cattle to graze in the Government lands, on the score that their minor forest produce would be injured. This might be remedied if the sales were conducted villagewar once in five years.

*Reply of Government.*—The question of selling the amarai and the minor forest produce separately for each village will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 100.

Occupants' responsibilities regarding sandal trees.

Messrs. B. Gundu Rao, D. Sreekanta Rao and Gurunanja Wodeyar, Devanhalli taluk; and Subba Setti, Devanhalli municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—As the responsibility attached to occupants of lands in the preservation of sandal trees standing thereon is rather serious, it may be lessened.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 101.

Abolition of seigniorage on fuel.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—At present, seigniorage of six pies is levied on every head load of fuel brought from State Forests and one anna on ass loads. Formerly, no tax was levied for head load while a fee of only six pies was levied on every ass load. The seigniorage on head loads may be abolished and that on ass loads may be reduced to six pies as before.

*Reply of Government.*—Orders have been issued reducing the rates to three pies and six pies per head load and ass load respectively.

SUBJECT No. 102.

Revival of the right of free removal of grass in forest plantations.

Mr. Madar Sab, Gubbi taluk.

*Note.*—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 103.

Cattle grazing in Amrit Mahal Kavals.

Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Government cattle graze in Amrut Mahal Kavals. The *Servegars* also make use of these kavals. It is requested that permission be accorded to raiyats to graze their cattle in them in preference to those of *Servegars.*

*Mr. Gundappa* requested that in case the right was to be sold it should be given to persons other than *Servegars* as that would bring in more revenue to Government. He also mentioned some instances of *Servegars* getting illegal gratification for grazing in the kavals.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered. May be tried in some places. An enquiry will be made on the allegations made by the members.

## AGRICULTURE.

(*Nos. 104—107.*)

SUBJECT No. 104.

Takavi loans for growing cocoanut trees.

Mr. B. V. Narayan Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Expansion of cocoanut plantation is necessary to enrich the country. To provide greater facilities to raiyats in this direction Takavi loans may be granted to persons who intend growing cocoanut trees and all the concessions allowed to men who raise fuel plantations may be extended to persons who take up cocoanut planting in waste lands.

*Reply of Government.*—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 105.

Experimental Farms in district headquarters.

Mr. Ramaiya, Malur taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—At present, there is only one experimental farm at Hebbal. Most of the raiyats find it impracticable to go there and learn improved methods of agriculture. An experimental farm may therefore be opened at each district headquarter.

*Reply of Government.*—Two more farms have been sanctioned by Government, one at Marthur and the other at Babbur in the Hiriyur taluk. The opening of more farms is a question of funds.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Appointment of an agricultural expert.

Mr. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

*Summary of discussion*—An expert may be appointed to investigate and also to experiment upon as to what crops other than coffee and tea can be profitably grown in the higher altitudes of the malnad and also in the vicinity of coffee estates.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 107.

Agricultural Inspectors.

Messrs. Sanjivappa, Koratagere sub-taluk, and Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Each district is provided with one Agricultural Inspector. In order to diffuse agricultural knowledge among the raiyats of all the parts of the State without much delay, each taluk may be provided with one Agricultural Inspector.

*Reply of Government.*—It is a question of funds, and there is difficulty in finding men. However the staff has been strengthened and all the possible facilities are provided.

The people should form District Agricultural Associations and employ Inspectors in addition to those appointed by Government.